

29 November 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Mark Clark Committee Members' Visit to OMR,  
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1. [REDACTED] (for the latter part of the time only) visited Photo Intelligence Division from 0900 to 0950 and were briefed by the division chief and his deputy. About five minutes were spent on a rapid tour of the branches of this division. The following subjects were discussed:

a. Mission of the division, methods by which the work is accomplished, and degree of satisfaction felt by the division in its own accomplishments.

b. Relations with Graphics Register as to possible conflict in missions and possible advantage of placing Graphics Register under the Photo Intelligence Division.

c. Types of support furnished, with particular reference to percentage devoted to the DD/P area and the classification of that support as for intelligence collection or for cold war activity.

d. T/O and on-duty strength of the division, sources of personnel, and possible conflict with military services in recruitment.

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2. Between 1000 and 1100, [REDACTED] visited Cartography Division and were briefed by the division chief. At the end of the interview, a brief tour of the division was taken during which the Committee Members met the chief of the Development and Construction Branch. It was the opinion of the chief of this division that the visitors were not well posted on the techniques of cartographic work and that the survey was too superficial to determine, if such were its purpose, whether the Cartography Division should be abolished, be doubled in size, or be maintained at its present strength. The following subjects were discussed:

a. The history of the division, including its prior service with OSS and the Department of State.

b. The responsibilities of the division as compared with other map-making units in the U. S. Government; whether Cartography Division "interprets" maps; and whether it reproduces maps.

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- c. The background and training of personnel in the division.
- d. The areas supported by the division, both within CIA and in the intelligence community at large, and the percentages for extra-CIA support and DB/P support.
- e. Coordinating activities, particularly in connection with Army Map Service and in connection with the problems involved in the transfer of the Graphics Branch of the division to OCI.

3. The Clark Committee Representatives visited Geography Division between 1100 and 1200 and were briefed by the division chief. A very brief period was spent with the Chief of the USMR Branch. It is the opinion of the chief of this division that [REDACTED] were favorably impressed, though he comments that [REDACTED] did not have the background to ask incisive questions concerning the functioning of the division and that he showed a tendency of asking a question, often immaterial, before the previous question had been answered. The following subjects were discussed:

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- a. T/O, responsibilities, and authorization for responsibilities (these three very briefly).
- b. Products and requesters: the MIS program, border studies, and regional analyses were mentioned, but the majority of the time available was devoted to evasion and escape studies.
- c. Details of research as to methods and sources used.
- d. Cartographic support of the division.

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4. [REDACTED] visited Map Library Division for about 45 minutes between 1300 and 1400. The time was spent in the office of the division chief except for a brief tour of the division and an interview with the Chief, Information Control, Geographic Area, with whom [REDACTED] went into considerable detail as to logs, control cards, methods of handling documents, filing, make-up of the Information Control Unit, and experience of the individual. The following topics were discussed in the division chief's office:

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- a. The mission of the Map Library.
- b. The nature of the library's holdings, whether foreign or domestic; whether copies of all maps procured were held, and precise definition of a map for the purposes of this collection; whether the Map Library held maps and reproduction materials published by Cartography Division; what publications descriptive of holdings were published.

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c. T/O of the division and types of personnel.

d. Procurement: selection of maps to be ordered, system of exchanges, materials used for trading, effect of a possible order forbidding the use of U. S. maps for exchange purposes, limitation of exchange arrangement to countries outside the Iron Curtain, channels for effecting exchanges, uses made of exchange materials by recipients, relations with the Library of Congress and with the Office of Foreign Trade of the Department of Commerce, and recipients of maps sent by Army and Naval Attaches.

e. Identification and use of Geographic Attaches; position of Chief, Map Library Division, as Special Assistant for Maps in the Department of State.

f. Use made of the DD/P area in procuring maps.

g. Relative cost of publishing maps as compared to procuring them.

h. Users of the Map Reference Service and relative use made by Department of Defense and Department of State.

5. Final visit by the Clark Committee Representatives in ORR was to Intelligence Information Staff, where they were briefed by the staff chief and his deputy between 1400 and 1500. They spent a portion of their time in Controls Branch meeting the chief of that branch and the head of the Reading Panel. Topics discussed included the following:

a. Service furnished by the Reading Panel, possibility of effort going into unnecessary extra sortings, and procedure of the panel in routing directly to branches.

b. Coordination of requirements with particular reference to part played by ORR in the coordinated economic reporting program and the authority for that program in Executive Order No. 10249.

c. Travel Folder Program, with particular reference to coordination among the IAC agencies (This topic consumed a sizable chunk of the time available to Intelligence Information Staff; a few folders were examined and a worksheet for priority routes was explained.)

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d. At 1500, [redacted] met again with Acting AD/RR and the area and staff chiefs. This period was planned to allow opportunity to the Representatives to ask additional questions. They did not, however,

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bring up any new matters. [REDACTED] again emphasized that, in the written material to be submitted later, we should give him what we think he would want or need if he were a favorable advocate for ORR appearing before a not necessarily friendly group who demanded the reasons for the existence of the office. The Committee Representatives departed at 1530.

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